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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control

number.

**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service** 

TITLE: Stakeholder/Customer Satisfaction Survey

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0579-0360

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: In 2003, the Plant Health Program (PHP) unit, Plant

Protection and Quarantine, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), obtained from

the International Organization of Standardization (ISO, nongovernmental worldwide network of

national standards institutes) certification in the ISO 9001;2008 standard for its permit services.

To meet the ISO 9001;2008 standards, an organization must demonstrate its ability to

consistently provide a product that meets customer quality requirements and applicable

regulatory requirements, while aiming to enhance customer satisfaction through effective

application of the system, including processes for continual improvement of its performance. In

order to remain in compliance with Clause 8.2.1 (Customer Satisfaction) of the ISO 9001;2008

standard, PHP must measure the performance of its quality management system by monitoring

information related to customer perception in relationship to customer requirements. PHP has

determined that the best method for obtaining this information is through the use of

stakeholder/customer satisfaction surveys.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: PHP will collect information from the survey to

solicit stakeholder and customer feedback with regards to their satisfaction with the regulatory

services of Permit Services and Pest Permit Evaluations.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Business or other for-profit

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 500

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FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: On occasion

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 48

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